



# Educational Field Trips

Pamplin Historical Park is the destination of choice for teachers and educational tour operators from across the country. Our education staff leads each group through a variety of programs based on interactive, participatory learning techniques and approved Virginia Standards of Learning. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please call 804-861-2408 or e-mail [groups@pamplinpark.org](mailto:groups@pamplinpark.org). Pre-Park visit and post-Park visit activities for the classroom are available on our website at [pamplinpark.org/schoolprograms.html](http://pamplinpark.org/schoolprograms.html).

## *The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier:*

All educational experiences include a visit to this award-winning museum which tells the story of the three million Americans who fought in the Civil War. State-of-the-art digital audio players guide students through life-like environments and engage them in interactive learning, all while providing the story of an actual Civil War soldier for students to follow. Students observe the sights of camp, the drudgery of the march, and even experience the terror of battle in this unique museum experience.

**VA SOL's addressed:** History and Social Sciences – VS.1, VS.7, USI.1, USI.8, USI.9, VUS.1, VUS.7; English – ENG 4.1, ENG 4.2, ENG 4.4, ENG 5.1, ENG 5.4, ENG 6.4



**Four-Hour Educational Experience:** Please choose **two programs** to add to your tour of The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. (Time for lunch break and museum store visit included.)

**Five-Hour Educational Experience:** Please choose **three programs** to add to your tour of The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. (Time for lunch break and museum store visit included.)

**Six-Hour Educational Experience:** Please choose **four programs** to add to your tour of The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. (Time for lunch break and museum store visit included.)



## *Plantation Life: The Southern Agricultural Economy*

**Enhanced Program**

Tudor Hall Plantation is the setting for the study of how free and enslaved Virginia families lived 150 years ago. Park educators and costumed interpreters lead hands-on activities which allow students to explore the material culture of these Virginia families, providing insight into how various groups of southerners lived, worked, and interacted with one another. This comparison lets students discover what

freedom really meant to the men and women who sought it so dearly.

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## *Civil War Battles*

Students participate in a rare opportunity to re-create famous Civil War battles on an actual Civil War battlefield! Re-creations help students understand the importance of terrain and the evolution of tactics through



the war, all while reinforcing the names of key leaders and the important battles in which they fought. After experiencing battle for themselves, students learn the story of one soldier who faced the terror of combat on the very battlefield on which they have just fought. These experiences, combined with a tour of the Park's original Confederate earthworks and full-scale re-created earthworks help students visualize and appreciate Civil War battles as never before.

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### *The Civil War – Why They Fought*

The Civil War was not a spontaneous event, as students realize in this interactive classroom program. Students learn the events and compromises that lead to Southern secession, the social and economic differences between the North and South, and the role of slavery in splitting the country. Bar graphs and mathematics illustrate why southern planters feared abolition, and a large puzzle map of the United States shows students the result of the continued conflict over the expansion of slavery in the United States. Teachers may choose to include the 23-minute dramatic film “War So Terrible.”

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### *War So Terrible*

Pamplin Historical Park now offers an extended 49-minute version of the film “War So Terrible” for high school students. The film accurately portrays Civil War combat as seen through the eyes of soldiers from both sides. (Note: This film contains graphic images of Civil War combat. Viewer discretion is advised.)



### *A Soldier's Life*

Experience the life of a Civil War soldier, in camp, on the march, and on the drill field. Costumed interpreters teach students how average citizens learned to be soldiers by putting students through the very military drill practiced by new recruits. These interpreters provide a weapons demonstration as well. In camp a hands-on program demonstrates how soldiers survived camp food, punishments, and disease.

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### *Reconstruction*

Students are placed in the midst of the tumultuous Reconstruction era as witnesses to history at Ford's Theater, observers of the post-war South, and participants in the newly-won voting rights for African Americans. Video technology brings the sights, sounds, and voices of Reconstruction to life, allowing students to understand the divisive opinions throughout the country as the United States tried to rebuild. Students learn about the difficulties, accomplishments, and failures of Reconstruction.

**Revamped Program**

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